# Jennifer S. Bernstein

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### **BAR ADMITTANCE**

Bar Member: State of Massachusetts; United States District Court for the District of Massachusetts

Pro Hac Vice: United States District Court Eastern District of Pennsylvania; Philadelphia Court of Common Pleas,

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

#### PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Bernstein & Yang, LLP

Boston, MA

Founding Partner/Principal Mediator

May 2009-Present

Practice Areas: bankruptcy, family law, contract drafting and review, corporate defense, and civil litigation.

**Mediation Works Incorporated** 

Boston, MA

Volunteer Mediator

Nov. 2008-Present

Completed forty hours of mediation training, in accordance with M.G.L. ch. 233 § 23C, with Mediation Works Incorporated. Facilitate agreements between litigants in Boston area district and municipal courts by acting as a third party neutral.

Flynn & Associates, PC

Quincy, MA

Litigation Associate

Nov. 2006-May 2008

Practice areas: defense of FELA claims, trespasser and child trespasser accidents, commercial and business litigation; representation of plaintiffs in civil rights, insurance, motor vehicle negligence, medical malpractice, products liability, wrongful death, and general personal injury actions.

**Honors Judicial Internship** 

Boston, MA

Legal Intern: Massachusetts Superior Court, Judge Raymond Brassard

Fall 2005

Selected to assist Judge Raymond Brassard by researching, writing, and observing legal issues confronting the court during criminal trial session. Legal issues included evidentiary admissibility, reliability of expert testimony, and substantive elements necessary for jury instructions.

## **United States District Court, District of Massachusetts**

Boston, MA

Legal Intern; Pro Se Office

Spring/Summer 2005

Reviewed complaints, petitions, and pleadings filed by *pro se* litigants to determine disputed issues and claims; provided necessary substantive research to assist judges in drafting opinions and orders; drafted appropriate recommendations and orders for the Court.

## The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Office of the Attorney General

Legal Intern; Civil Rights

Boston, MA

Fall 2004

Drafted pleadings, researched, and analyzed various legal issues attorneys encountered in their cases; completed a fifty-state statutory survey regarding school bullying; drafted legislation regarding school bullying and student-teacher sexual misconduct in collaboration with the chief of the Civil Rights Division.

#### **EDUCATION**

New England School of Law, Boston, MA: Juris Doctor, Cum Laude, 2006

**Rank:** Top 15%

**Honors:** Outstanding Scholastic Achievement Award; Dean's List; Managing Business Editor (Executive

Board), Journal on Criminal and Civil Confinement; CALI Excellence for the Future Award

Conflicts of Law (highest ranking student in course)

Activities: Executive Director NESL-ACLU, 2004-2005

Study Abroad: Irish Centre for Human Rights at the National University of Ireland; Foundation for International

Studies, University of Malta

Plattsburgh State University, Plattsburgh, NY: Bachelor of Arts, Criminology, 1999